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FOR SEPTEMBER 7 MEETING WITH GISCARD AND DE
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TO THE SECRETARY THROUGH MR. SONNENFELDT FROM EUR HARTMAN

1. FOLLOWING IS AN ADDITIONAL ITEM THAT THE FRENCH MAY
RAISE WITH YOU.

2. FRENCH COCOM ISSUE OVER CDC COMPUTER FOR CHINA.

3. THE FRENCH MAY PRESS YOU FOR AN EARLY U.S. DECISION
TO ALLOW CDC TO PROVIDE AN ADVANCED COMPUTER AS PART OF
THE FRENCH PACKAGE OF EQUIPMENT FOR PETROLEUM EXPLORATION
IN MAINLAND CHINA. FRANCE HAS ASKED FOR APPROVAL IN COCOM
FOR THIS EXPORT TO CHINA. THE FRENCH KNOW THAT WE HAVE
BEEN CONSIDERING WAYS OF ASSURING THAT THE COMPUTER IS
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NOT PUT TO UNDESIRABLE USES BY THE CHINESE. WE UNDER-

STAND FRENCH AND CDC COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES DEPART FOR PEKING AGAIN LATE NEXT WEEK FOR FURTHER TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT. WE ARE WORKING OUT A FORMULA WITH DEFENSE ON HOW CDC COULD CARRY OUT A TECHNICAL SERVICE AGREEMENT IN CHINA, UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE FRENCH PRIME CONTRACT.

4. TALKING POINTS (IF ASKED)

-- WE AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO CDC PARTICIPATION IN THIS PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PROJECT.

-- WE HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY STUDYING HOW WE CAN BE SATISFIED THAT THE CDC COMPUTER IS PUT ONLY TO THE PROPER USES.

-- WE HOPE TO RESPOND TO THE FRENCH COCOM REQUEST SOON.
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